

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BRANDON MICHAEL JACOBS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 19-3077 (TJK)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Brandon Michael Jacobs, proceeding *pro se*, asserts that the United States, “Milt,” or “Big Brother” owes him \$900 million “for the annulment of Programs from express to implied.” ECF No. 3 (“Amended Complaint”) ¶¶ 2–3. For the reasons stated below, the Court dismisses the Amended Complaint without prejudice, *sua sponte*, for failure to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a).

Although *pro se* plaintiffs are generally held to a less stringent standard, *see Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972), they must still comply with the Court’s procedural rules, “and district courts have discretion to dismiss a *pro se* plaintiff’s complaint *sua sponte* for non-compliance,” *Fontaine v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.*, 42 F. Supp. 3d 102, 107 (D.D.C. 2014). Rule 8(a) states that, at a minimum, a complaint must provide “a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court’s jurisdiction” and a “statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Although Jacobs alleges that the statute of limitations for suits against the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 2401 abridges his First Amendment right to petition the government, the Court’s grounds for jurisdiction and the underlying merits of the Amended Complaint are indecipherable. The Amended Complaint includes conclusory citations to the Privacy Act of 1974 and sovereign immunity doctrine. Amended Complaint ¶¶ 1–2. Jacobs also

alleges that the Attorney General and the National Security Agency are involved in some sort of conspiracy, *see id.* ¶¶ 3–5, and that Jacobs has “Independence, Conspiracy, Top, and Money in [his] Classified Information Database,” *id.* ¶ 5. In any event, “a limitations period does not prevent an individual from petitioning the government; it just explains when he must do so.” *Hill v. Dailey*, 557 F.3d 437, 440 (6th Cir. 2009). The Court will therefore dismiss the Amended Complaint, ECF No. 3, without prejudice. A separate order will issue.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Timothy J. Kelly
TIMOTHY J. KELLY
United States District Judge

Date: October 21, 2019